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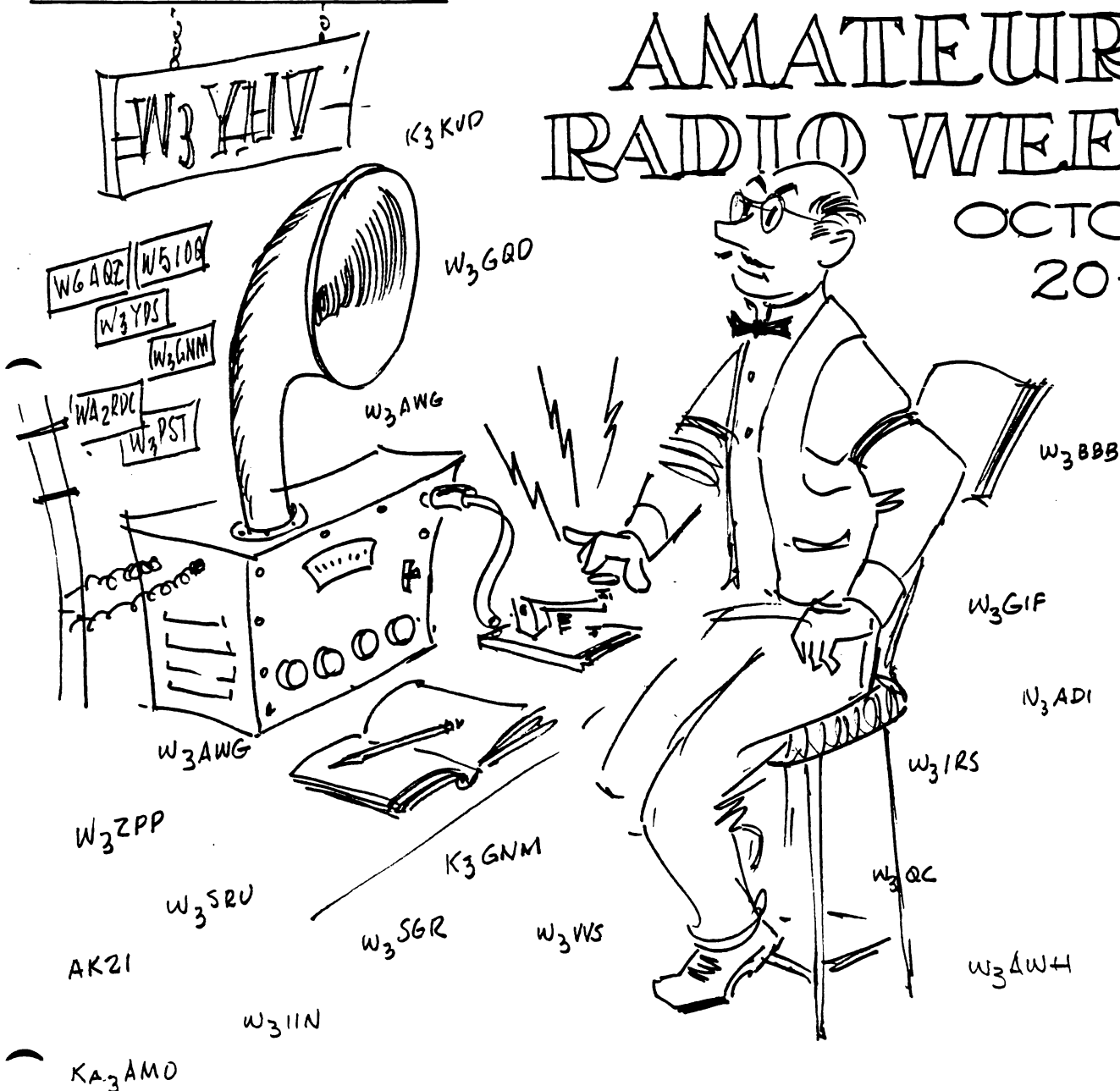


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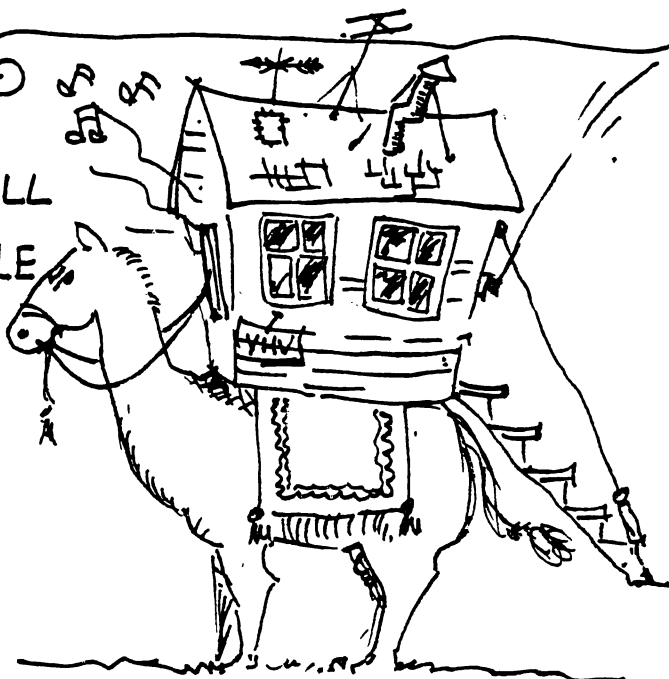
meets on the first Monday of each month (2nd Monday Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the Franklin Institute, 21st & The Ben Franklin Parkway.

ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly. Schedules and frequencies to be announced in THE BLURB.

Saints CORNER

I HEAR TELL 'YHV' BALDY BILL
HAS A NEW MEANS OF MOBILE
TRANSPORTATION...
WITH ALL THE COMFORTS
OF HOME!



T H E P R E Z S E Z - - -

I am dedicating this page to all the other Amateur Radio Clubs in the Delaware Valley. Each has its own "personality" and its own favorite activities within our common hobby.

We are fortunate in this geographical area to have above average congeniality and co-operation between clubs. This is continually evidenced by announcements concerning other Club's activities, hamfests, etc., being made on the various Nets. In a previous issue, I also stated that repeater operations in the Delaware Valley, in general, receive favorable comments from visitors to this area, for which the Amateur Radio Fraternity is to be congratulated, and should be justly proud.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S to all of
Y O U for your proud record.

73,
Gil
Gil, W3SRU

AUGUST 1982 - DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, August 21st, dawned dreary and lifeless. By 10 A.M. "03" was alive with Phil-Mont members and their families heading for Long Beach Island. Why? Because it was the day of "Arnie's (KC2HX) Annual Bath". The early arrivals were entertained at the "Summer White House" of W3AWH. John was kind enough to offer his facilities to the membership. About 3 P.M. the sun started to glow and the group started to assemble at the home of his "Imperial Majesty". About 50 people finally filled Arnie's yard, kitchen and living room (including K3GNM, who came by way of Asbury Park) and partook of a huge quantity of food and drink, swapped lies and risked life and limb on "Captain Queeg's" yacht. It has been rumored that after the party, the Long Beach Island Department of Health was called to spray the property with floral scented air freshener. It seems that the entire area was permeated with the smell of garlic from the crabs and pasta brewed up by KB3IV. (N3ADI was last seen disappearing behind a mountain of crab shells, twice the size of his largest amplifier) By 7 o'clock, the satiated group started to depart the island. Needless to say, no Club business was conducted, but a lot of fun was had by all. Many thanks to Arnie, Sue and Lori for their gracious hospitality.

SEPTEMBER 1982 - GENERAL MEETING

The very special 394th General Meeting was opened, at 8:05 P.M., on September 13th, by W3AWH. John introduced Mr. Daniel Goldwater, Program Director of The Franklin Institute. Mr. Goldwater conveyed his appreciation to Phil-Mont and spoke of the Institutes future commitment to an Amateur Station. - Gil, W3SRU opened the formal meeting and welcomed the many guests. The business meeting was kept to a minimum. Gil stated that any new members who have not received a badge and directory should contact W3IIN. Gil also said that W3AWH would be in charge of the nominating committee. Anyone interested in submitting the name of a member to be considered for office should contact John. - The meeting was turned over to W3AWH. (Without John's hard work and tenacity the equipment donated and this dedication would still be on the drawing board - thanks John) John introduced Fred Shaw W3ADV, the first Trustee of the station. Fred related the history and spoke of the people who were responsible for the founding of W3TKQ. The next speaker, Rolland Madara, W3PWG, gave us an insight into the station operation as it is today. - Next to be introduced were our guests of honor: Preston Funk, Dave Funk and Jim Titus, from Hamtronics of Trevoze. They, in conjunction with The R. L. Drake Company, donated the new equipment. "Pres" gave a very short talk and promised, "...in another 25 years, he would be happy to donate another Drake station to W3TKQ". - The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 and was followed by a most enjoyable Plantetarium Show, hosted by Paul, WB3BOD. Special thanks to Bill, WB3CMM for making these arrangements.

Don Gordon - WB3KQJ - Secretary

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W 3 A D V

The story of W3TKQ begins with the Haverford Township Emergency Radio Net, a civil defense radio club started before WWII. In 1950, W. Laurence LePage, then Executive Vice President of the Franklin Institute, got his amateur license, W3QCV, and became a member of the H.T.E.R.N. In 1951, Laurence proposed that the H.T.E.R.N. sponsor an amateur station as an exhibit at the Franklin Institute. A license was obtained and equipment built and installed. Originally, only 2 & 6 meter bands were in operation.

Only four of the original members who helped build and operate W3TKQ are still around and members of Phil-Mont; W3HQJ, Dr. Lester Burket, W3HFY, Harold Grace, Dr. Wynn Laurence LePage, and me, Fred Shaw, the original Trustee for W3TKQ until 1975, when I retired in favor of W3PWG, Rolland Madara.

Early on, W3TKQ was operated only on weekends and holidays, by club members on a schedule. This soon became quite a chore and we got some assistance from the Institute in the form of W3PBR, Mason Frankenfield, who, in addition to his duties as a demonstrator in the Electrical Hall, operated and demonstrated W3TKQ. In 1954 Hallicrafter gave us a receiver, Johnson donated a Viking I and Mosley a tri-band beam.

It became clear that more than one operator was needed, and soon we had four retired hams. No attempt will be made to list all of TKQ's operators, but special mention must be made of K3RTR, Sam Moskowitz("the verse of Phil-Mont"), who, after 19 years of service, is still active, with TKQ on the air.

In 1960, it was felt that W3TKQ should be associated with a larger and more active net, so W3QCV, then President of the F.I., proposed that the Phil-Mont M.R.C. be sponsors and invite them to hold their meetings at the F.I., a very successful arrangement, in retrospect.

In 1962, Phil-Mont and the Franklin Institute were able to interest the Collins Radio Company in providing a complete HF station for W3TKQ. The F.I. provided a glass-enclosed, air-conditioned room in the Electrical Hall and the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania gave us the telephone instruments, amplifiers and speakers so that visitors could hear as well as see the station operation.

The Collins equipment lasted a long time but Father Time, collecting his dues, it antiquated over the years and new, state-of-the-art equipment was in order.

(Ed- So here we are, in 1982, with W3TKQ with her third face-lift, compliments of the R.L.Drake Co., and Hamtronics of Trevoise, Penna. But not without a little urging from the F.I. and our own W3AWH, John Tinaglia.)

William Penn Radio Birthday Party

The Holmesburg ARC and the U. of P. Amateur Radio Club will be operating a special events station W3WP for twenty-four(24) hours from Penn's Landing to celebrate the birthday of the City founder, William Penn in conjunction with the City's 300th Birthday Committee.

Operation will be on 3.925, 7.275, 14.290, 21.365, 28.55, 146.685 MHz., and on the high end of each CW band. Expect to exchange RS(T), city, state, country and W3WP log number.

Starting time: 0000 GMT, October 24, 1982

Ending time : 2359 GMT, 24 October 82

For your commemorative QSL, send a SASE to N3HW, Harry White,
7520 Verree Road
Phila., PA 19111

Overheard somewhere -

KOJ:"How's your game?"

BBB:"Oh, I shoot in the low 80's. If it gets any hotter, I quit."

S W A P ' n ' S H O P d e W 3 BeeBeeB

SALE - Drake AC3 & RV4 w/extra finals.....\$375.00
Bob Field, WA3INW 663-1640

SALE - AmCom S-225, 2mxcvr, synthesized, 1.0 & 25.0 watts
Wanted - Manual for Heath 2036A, not the 2036, please let
me have it for a little while to make a copy.
Steve, KA3AMO 533-1581

SALE - Wilson tt45-B, 45" free-standing, telescoping tower
w/manual \$200.00
Jim, W3BBB 884-8469

SALE - Heath HA-10, Linear Amp(Warrior), 1000 watts P.E.P.
80 thru 10 meters a n d
Heath HX-10, xmtr(Maurauder), 100 watts out,
CW, AM, FSK, SSB both for \$150.00
ICOM 22A, 2M, 10 watts, w/xtals 75.00
Charlie Stouth, W3ZPP
261 Prince Frederick Street
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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During this period of recession(that's when the other guy is outta work) or depression(that's when YOU are outta work) it seems very appropriate that this announcement be published.

The Montgomery County Communications Department is in need of a Radio Technician. Applicants should be technical school graduates. Field experience and a 2nd class F.C.C. license is desirable. For further info, please contact Tom Gibson, W3EAG or Bob Detwiler at (215) 631-5105.

Also, we are looking for someone to work part-time wiring console equipment. A retired Ham, looking for some extra pocket money should take note. Contact the above.

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There must be some of you who may have wondered how we faired in the A.R.N.S.(Amateur Radio News Service, of which we are a member) Contest. This gives us an Idea of how our BLURB rates among the many club publications throughout the country. For 1981, there was no contest. I talked with the then President of ARNS, earlier this year and was informed that due to some internal problems there would not be any for '81, but to be prepared for '82. SOOOOO, if there was no contest, then, we WON. RIGHT? Right! Anyway we'll be in there for '82.

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0930 Sunday Two-Meter Net Control Stations - - - -

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
03	W3SRU	07	N3AVE
10	W3AA	14	W3ZPP
17	WB3CMM	21	W3AWG
24	K3PHC	28	AK2I
31	W3BBB		

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and from the back seat(almost) - - - Having left the door slightly ajar, I should have at least put in the screens. Follows herewith another saga of the sexes, a chronicle of categorization, by a delineator of dilapidated designation of discrimination, none but Kojac, WB3KOJ, better known as Don, our suggesting Secretary. (ED)

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I'm not sure, in today's world of feminists and MCP's, if taking your hat off to a lady is still considered proper. But, risking a verbal harangue, I will "tip my chapeau" to last month's very capable guest editor.

The *Female Type Person* displayed excellent mastery of the English language. Her pros were set forth in a most forceful, yet elegant manner. Without doubt, the arguments were, in most cases, indisputable. Foremost among these points was the fact that neither she, nor any other member of the feminine gender, has ever, in any way, been excluded from any Phil-Mont function. Further, she states that sex discrimination has never been exhibited in the club.

Obviously, discrimination is not the real basis for the ensuing "Battle of the Sexes." It appears to me that the entire issue revolves around A NAME! Not just any NAME, but ... A NAME that has lived for many years as a Phil-Mont tradition ... A NAME that means something to those who have worked hard and long to make the organization what it is today ... A NAME that conjures up memories, some happy, some sad, in the minds of the "Old Timers" ... A NAME that possibly adds "spice" to some lives ... A NAME that clearly means "April Mid-Month", to those who have trouble remembering coming events and dates.

What purpose would be served by changing such a revered NAME? I, for one, can see none; short of gratifying the whims and pride of a minority of one.

However, since Phil-Mont is a democratic organization (with a liberal sprinkling of Republicans), I call for a vote. I propose that the question, "SHOULD THE NAME 'STAG NIGHT' BE CHANGED?", be placed on the December Election Ballot. By doing this, a true cross section of the membership could be polled and the results tallied with the normal election returns. Also, by using the closed ballot, the members may without intimidation, cast their vote as they deem appropriate.

I further propose, should the vote be in favor of a name change, that the President appoint a committee of six (3 of each type) to research and investigate a fitting name. This group would present a final list of three names, to be voted on at the the May 1983 General Meeting.

So Ms. Lib...lets stop talking and let the members have their will on this most pressing issue.

I for one think that STAG NIGHT IS A GREAT NAME!

Don Gordon - WB3KOJ

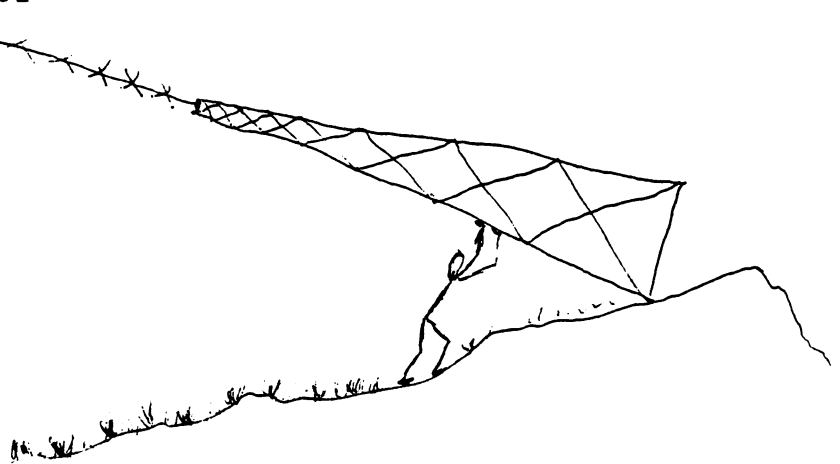
Self Appointed Chairperson of the Preserve Stag Night Committee

O C T O B E R C a l e n d a r f o r P h i l - M o n t

- 02-03 The PackRats present their annual HAMARAMA for '82
The Conference is held on Sat. 02, luncheon, dinner, etc.
The Flea Market " " " Sun. 03 starting @ 0700 at the
Warrington Motor Lodge & Bucks County Drive-In Theatre,
Rt 611, 4 Miles north of the Turnpike. For any details,
tickets, tailgating, etc., call K3MXM (215) 635-4942
- 04 Regular Meeting @ the Franklin Institute, speaker
Don't forget your ballot! Turn the page 180°:
- 11 Columbus Day. a holiday for a few.
- 13 B. of D. Meeting at the QTH of WB3KOH + J
DEADLINE for November BLURB (except WB3KOJ) (his is earlier)
It is also the Canadian Thanksgiving Day
- 25 BLURB-folding at the QTH of W3BBB

Please mail or bring this ballot to the next (October) Meeting and make sure that it gets into the hot little hands of the new Awards Chairperson, AK2I, no later than 04 Oct 82.

At our next meeting on 04 October 82 (do I have it correct
this time?), we will hear about the trials and tribulations
of increasing the height of
Channel 10's(WCAU-TV)
antenna. The Speaker
will be Jack Jones,
N3NTD.
P.S. Don't forgetchur
Phil-Monter Ballot



TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

It has always been a source of annoyance to this Editor to have such an early closing for material for Our BLURB, especially when something comes in late and *it is not the fault of the contributor!* So, with this issue we start something new. This page, which it is hoped will alleviate some of this problem, will(should) be inserted between pages 6 and 7, or 8 and 9(but never between 7 and 8). This new service is not meant for who procrastinate, for one reason or another, only The Editor retains that privilege. Also, don't look for it every month. The agency is not always available.

F'n'stance - This late report came in from WB3CMM - -
Our coverage of Philadelphia's Long Distance Run went as planned.
All assignments were on station by 7:00 am. They were W3IIM, W3IIN,
WB3KOH, WB3KOJ, N3ADI, KB3CT, W3SRU, WB3BDD, WB3KGW(Delmont), KI3J,
and NCS KA3HWD(LBARA).

✓ *F'n'stance* - F Y I - Applications for Membership

Lynne T. "Lynne" Baer AB3N Amateur Extra Class
309 Purcell St., Ridley Park, PA 19078 (215) 586-5408
Works in Sales for Channel Home C't'rs " 544-9160
Has Yaesu 2m mobile & Icom 2-AT and emergency power
Is member of Civil Defense, but not ARRL, has wide range
of interests in Phil-Mont's activities. Sponsors -AF3F
& N3ADI

✓ Jerry "Jerry" Russell K3JR Amateur Extra Class
1671 Susquehanna Road, Rydal, PA 19046 (215) 887-6643
An Executive in Eastern Vending Co. XYL's name is Kay
Has Yaesu FT-208, Drake TR-7, RTTY gear, emergency power
Is a member of ARRL. Had wide range of interests.
Sponsors - WB3KOJ and W3IIN

F'r'instance SEPTEMBER 1982 -- DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting, held at the home of W3UG, was called to order at 8:12 P.M. by W3SRU. In attendance were: W3's - IIM, IIN, PST, GGD, ZPP, BBB, G1F, AA, AWG, IRS, IGM, W3ADI, KB3IV, & KC2HX. The minutes of the September General Meeting were read and approved. - KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report, which, after being subjected to a "surprise audit", was approved. - Committee reports on Membership, The Blurb, Programs and DX were given. - A motion, (Congratulations Gil - after nine months you finally found the Robert's Rules Book) to publish net control schedules in every issue of the Blurb, was made, seconded and past. (That's one less page you have to worry about filling, Woody) - KB3IV was directed to renew the clubs WSYI Report subscription. - W3SRU announced that Mayor Green will proclaim October 24-30 Amateur Radio Week. Phil-Mont has been asked by The Holmesburg ARC to participate in a public demonstration at Penn's Landing on Sunday the 24th. Holmesburg will be operating HF using the call W3WP. A motion that Phil-Mont participate and MOCOM be used was passed. W3SRU will handle all arrangements and is looking for volunteers to man the station. - W3IGW reported that the Clam Bake was attended by 69 people (19 Phil-Monters) and that reservations have been made for next year. Financially, the club broke even on the event. - Gil gave a report on "Old Timers' Night". Two bids had been obtained. After a lengthy discussion, W3IRS was awakened, and a vote was taken. The decision was to use Howard Caterers, who will provide a complete stuffed chicken dinner. (It better be good, Steve, KAJAMQ) The dinner will be held on November 1st, prior to the regular meeting. The cost will be \$9.00 per person. Send reservations and money to KB3IV (Ed, for his own purposes prefers cash or checks made out to him, but, will reluctantly accept checks made out to Phil-Mont) - W3BBB reported that MOCOM is in need of new rear springs. An additional budget allocation was approved. - The meeting was adjourned at 9:35. Refreshments were served. Thanks to our hosts Bob and Leatha for their hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted

Donald Gordon
WB3KQJ

F'r'instance E R R A T U M (at least)

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK is 24-30 OCTOBER 1982 (see above for details)

Sometime between the time our Intrepid Carfoolist Sam drew the front cover and September's Directors' Meeting, someone in the Mayor's Office (according to W3SRU) changed the date of Amateur Radio Week. By the time of the MidMonth Meeting your BLURB had been printed or the change could have been made here (and don't tell me that that is what erasers are for or you can show us how at BLURB-folding and change 250 front covers).

I was down to Ocean City, NJ recently and was amazed at the potent signal on 145.25 MHz. (My new rig now covers that portion of the band). And I was further amazed that no one seems to be doing anything about it. This indicated to me that there was a large leak in the pipe somewhere. A recent issue of the BLURB gave you an idea what we should do, after all, it is our band!

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By the time you get your NOV '82 BLURB it'll probably be too late to tell you about, and for you to put in your request for, a reservation for The Ole Timers' Nite Dinner, so read the above.

FYI - I already have a Guest Editor for Nov '82. Tnx, Ernie.

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